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## INDIANA DRIVERS THANK FLYNN FOR OVER-ROAD RAISE

Both the Indiana State Drivers Council and Joint Council 69 of the Teamsters voted Nov. 19 to thank Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to President Tobin, for his help in obtaining a new wage agreement for over-the-road drivers of the central states area.

The agreement was reached in Chicago after prolonged negotiations between representatives of 150 Teamster locals in 12 states and of 1900 companies engaged in moving dry freight.

By this agreement all Hoosier over-the-road drivers, of the 32,000 affected, have gained an increase of 15 cents an hour in wages and 1/2 cent a mile in mileage rates.

Thanks also was expressed to Indiana members of the Central States Drivers Council, which represented the Teamsters in the negotiations. These were Walter E. Biggs of South Bend, recording secretary; E. J. Williams, Indianapolis, member of the 24-man committee; Pat Hess, Ft. Wayne, del-

egate and O. B. Chambers, Kokomo, alternate.

After being approved by the companies, the agreement was ratified by representatives of the 150 locals at a banquet in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 11.

Twenty-five business representatives of Indiana locals, from Lake county to Evansville, attended this banquet.

Reporting on the agreement, Mr. Williams told the Joint Council and Mr. Biggs the Drivers Council that the new schedule became effective Nov. 15. It has been made part of a two-year contract executed last year, to run until Nov. 15, 1949.

Covered in the contract are IBT locals in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and the cities of Louisville, Tulsa and Denver.



HENRY F. SCHRICKER

## Chambers Gets Good Warehouse Set-Up In Peru

KOKOMO — The C. D. Kenny wholesale grocery company, operator of a big warehouse in Peru, has come to an agreement with Teamsters Local 759 and ended what looked for a time to be a serious situation.

The warehouse was formerly owned by Simon Brothers, who had maintained contractual relations with the union for seven years. The new owners refused to continue these relations. Instead they dismissed John Burgan, steward, for performance of his union job, and O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Local 759 filed unfair labor charges with the NLRB.

All union employees were on the point of striking when representatives of the company met with Mr. Chambers in the office of Attorney Robert D. Malarney in Indianapolis, November 19, and signed a contract.

This new contract restores Burgan to his position, with compensation for lost pay back to August 27 and gives all employees a nice increase with six holidays a year, retroactive to October 24, date of expiration of a previous contract.

Ready-mixed concrete companies in Kokomo and Logansport will probably be the subject of unfair labor practice charges brought with the NLRB by O. B. Chambers.

Negotiations have been opened by Local 759 for city freight handlers in Kokomo, Wabash, Peru, Rochester and Logansport. Also with five coal companies in Kokomo. (Continued on Page 3)

## Evansville Cartage Contract Is Signed

Mike Angel announced at the last meeting of the Indiana State Drivers Council that Teamsters Local 215, has reached a satisfactory agreement with all principal city cartage companies in Evansville.

The new contract, he said, gives a substantial wage increase and improved working conditions to about 400 drivers, warehousemen and dockmen.

## TEAMSTERS PRAISED FOR HELPING ELECT SCHRICKER TICKET

Ira L. Haymaker, Indiana state democratic chairman, has asked the INDIANA TEAMSTER to thank all the 25,000 union teamsters and their business representatives in this state who helped elect Henry F. Schricker and his running mates on Nov. 2.

## Joe Williams Is Re-named by 135 for Another Term

Emmett J. (Joe) Williams has been selected for another five years as secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, which he has headed for a decade.

Mr. Williams' "reelection" was at the Nov. 9 general meeting of his local, when he was renominated for the office without opposition, by unanimous vote.

At the same time Jack Stewart was nominated without opposition for three- (Continued on Page 2)

## 2 New Contracts for Teamsters In Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE — Officials of Teamsters Local No. 144 here have signed two contracts recently, giving substantial pay increase and improved working conditions to approximately 300 members.

One contract is with upwards of 30 trucking companies engaged in handling city freight and employing about 200 drivers, warehousemen and helpers.

The other contract covers 100 drivers, warehousemen and helpers employed by the Kroger grocery chain.

This local union is mighty proud of its new home at 125 South Eighth St. and expects to have a formal opening in the near future.

## Local 691 Signs Crosley Contract

RICHMOND — James K. Kates, head of Teamsters Local 691, reports signing a new contract with the Crosley Refrigerator Co. here, giving members 18 cents an hour increase and improved working conditions.

Local 691 has won a UA election at the Peoples Coal Co., Lawrenceburg.

## Mahoney's Local Wins NLRB Vote

MUNCIE — Teamsters Local 369 has just won a union shop election conducted by the NLRB at the French Steam Dye Works here, according to D. E. Mahoney, union business representative.

"Organized labor had a big part throughout Indiana in this election" said Mr. Haymaker. "We know that the teamsters were a big part of the movement which makes Henry Schricker our next chief executive and assures good government by him and the other new elective officials."

"Final figures show furthermore that in every district where our party candidates for Congress and the General Assembly were successful the teamsters were out there trucking to the polls."

It is true that the teamsters of Indiana had their heart in this election, particularly in getting rid of Indiana's Taft-Hartley congressmen—Harness, Grant, Gillie, Landis, Mitchell — in re-electing Madden and giving him the support of six friends of labor.

It was too much to expect that they could hope to defeat Ivan Morgan's office boy, Earl Wilson in a district owned and controlled by the millionaire feudal baron. Nevertheless Chris Moritz got within 4,000 votes of Wilson in that district and now the belief is that if Morgan ever lets Wilson run again it will be just too bad for both of them.

An ironic note in the election was sounded by voters of the 6th district who failed by 493 counts to elect Jack O'Grady, an old-time AFL member. Certainly the teamsters around Clinton, led by Elmer Nolan did their bit for O'Grady, and they worked for him in Terre Haute, Brazil, Crawfordsville. The district however, runs across to Tipton and Noblesville, and includes too much territory unfriendly to labor.

## Russell House Back as B. A. of Local 193

Teamsters Local 193, Indianapolis, which has an official title longer than a Mayflower truck — Furniture, Department Store and Parcel Delivery Drivers, Helpers and Warehousemen Local Union — takes pleasure in announcing that Russell House is back on its payroll.

Brother House helped organize this local and was its first president.

Also he was managing editor of "The Indiana Teamster" when it was young and thought it could whip Ivan Morgan, a hope it still cherishes.

Mr. House has been appointed acting business representative to engage in organizational work.

## Fat Ed and Skinnay Ed Look-See with 233

Kroger drivers and warehousemen are for the first time in history on a wage scale equal to that prevailing for the same classifications in the other two chain groceries of Indianapolis. This is an end toward which President Leo J. Bauer has fought for three years. In this year's negotiations wages were the big issue, although in settling, many fringe issues were added to the agreement.

Remember the first Wednesday of each month! General meeting, 8:00 p. m., at 28 West North St.

Brother Everett Chambers of Kibler's was nominated at the last regular meeting for three-year trustee. There was no opposition, so at the next meeting Brother Chambers will be sworn in to that office.

With the hunting season now open the tall story club will be called back into session. Officers of the club are Elmer Oliphant, president; Carl Hovermale, vice-president; Oscar Hammonds, secretary-treasurer (he's the boy with the dough), and Pete Clouse, the head story teller. Meetings are Monday through Friday at noon on the Indiana Terminal dock. Chet Carter is the sponsor and toastmaster.

The five public warehouses of Indianapolis—Strohm, Tripp, Rolling Mills, Indianapolis Warehouse and Indiana Terminal have settled their agreement for another year. Wage increases, paid holidays and several fringe issues were additions to the old agreement.

Brother William Lawyer of Kroger's Warehouse and Butler University has taken the fatal step we all have taken. He's married! Good luck, Corp!

Fred Beck Liquor Co., Capitol Hill Wine and Spirits Co. and South Side Cold Storage Co. employees have asked to have their agreements opened. Negotiations will start soon on these contracts.

With Christmas just around the corner we all think of one thing: How're we going to make the pay check do all the things we want it to do? Think of the people in the unorganized places whose wages are so far below yours! If you have a friend or neighbor who works in an unorganized place let him read your Teamster magazine and paper when you are finished with them. If you need additional copies you can get them at your local office.

Pfc. Larry Risley, formerly of Local 233, who is now a member of the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N. C., was injured in an auto crash, suffering a broken hand and brain concussion. The officers and members of this local union wish our former member a speedy recovery.

Vice-president William Osborne is confined to his home by illness. The officers and members of Local 233 hope Brother Osborne recovers soon. He has always been faithful in attending our meetings and is certainly missed.



## Defeat Capehart In 1950

Charles Miller of the Vincennes Teamsters wiped his hands at the last meeting of the Indiana State Drivers Council to show how labor in his district had helped brush off Congressman Gerald Landis in his race for re-election.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Local 417 and their friends for supporting Noland in the Seventh district against Landis, who had proved his colors by voting for Taft-Hartley," said Mr. Miller.

"Now our next fight is to get rid of Senator Capehart, who comes up for re-election in two years, and we are starting now.

"Capehart has done everything wrong. He voted for Taft-Hartley and now is out to see that that vicious law cannot be repealed. And so the only thing to do in 1950 is to repeal Capehart."

Miller, who is also vice-president of the Drivers Council, was applauded for that sentiment, indicating that no matter who runs for the U. S. Senate in 1950 against Homer Capehart already has 25,000 Teamsters on his side.

## AIA Praises Drivers

Walter Belson, of the American Trucking Association, has made a recent admission that Union Teamsters are directly responsible for the changed attitude of the public toward the trucking industry.

Complaints against the trucks have decreased 50 per cent because of courtesy of the truck drivers and because they have proved themselves the best drivers on the highways, he said.

The big highway freight carriers do not hog the road, because Union Teamsters at the wheels of the trucks, know that it pays to have the traveling public friendly. Big trucks always stop when a motorist is in trouble, and offer help; in recent months several auto drivers' lives have been saved by truck men.

## How Honest Are Polls?

(From United Mine Workers Journal)

One casualty of the election is the professional opinion polls. It seems as though Gallup must have spent all his time interviewing Roper. Each of these alleged experts was abysmally wrong.

This raises a question once more which has intrigued us for a long time—just whom do these polls actually interview? Persons who claim to have been interviewed by a Gallup or Roper representative are as rare as auk's eggs.

In the interest of getting some light, if possible, on this point the Journal would like to hear from any coal miner who has himself ever been interviewed by one of these poll takers.

We would consider it a real "find" to discover even one authentic case of a miner who has been interviewed. In talking with hundreds of UMWA representatives over the years we have yet to encounter one who was ever interviewed or who knew anybody else who was interviewed.

## Uniform Set of Signals for All Drivers Suggested

Adoption of a uniform set of signals to be used on the nation's highways between truck drivers and motorists to promote better safety has been proposed.

Details of the plan were explained by Walter R. Cartwright, American Bantam Car Co., truck-trailer manufacturing firm.

For many years, Mr. Cartwright said, there has been an unofficial "sign language" in one form or another between truck drivers on the highways. The proposed program would include standardization of these signals for truck drivers throughout the country and education of motorists in their meaning.

"One of the biggest complaints motorists have about trucks on the highways is that it is difficult to pass them safely. If motorists were familiar with the uniform signals, this trouble would be avoided," Mr. Cartwright explained.

He said truck drivers should act as lookouts or navigators for motorists and keep them advised of road conditions and situations.

"Most of the four-and-three-quarter million truck drivers in this country are schooled in safety and courtesy. They are more than willing to do their share in promoting better highway safety. Once the uniform signal plan is placed in operation, there will be close relationship between truck drivers and motorists."

Mr. Cartwright stated that several groups will have to cooperate in establishing the standard signal program and getting it in operation. These include national and state trucking associations and auto clubs, state and municipal police, safety councils, auto and truck manufacturers, retail gasoline companies, insurance companies and others.

The uniform signals, now used by many truck drivers and proposed for adoption as standard throughout the country, are:

1. When a motorist wants to pass a truck, during the day, he hks his horn twice. If the way is clear, the truck driver will motion him on; if it is unsafe to pass, the truck driver waves him back. At night, the motorist who wants to pass a truck, honks his horn twice and flicks his headlight beams up and down. If the way is clear, the truck driver flashes his amber truck or trailer "outline" lights off and on, or flicks his headlight beams up and down. If it is unsafe, he flashes his stop light or tail light.

2. If something is wrong on the road, such as icy pavement or a wreck, a truck driver will flash his headlights on and off repeatedly to warn the approaching motorist. At night, he also flashes the truck's amber "outline" lights. Truck drivers do not do this for fun—it is a warning and motorists should pull over and stop or slow down until they discover what is wrong.

3. If a motorist is going too fast for road conditions, the truck driver will flash his headlights on and off three times when a motorist is approaching from the opposite direction, or flick his headlight beams up and down three times after the motorist has overtaken the truck.

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By HARRY HUDSON

## Heard and Seen at 716

We have concluded our ready mixed concrete agreements with the following firms: Ready Mixed Concrete Corp., Heston Concrete Co. and the Carlson Concrete Co., with a nice increase for mixer drivers, mechanics, dump truck drivers and maintenance men.

The agreement was negotiated by a committee composed of Edward T. Carlson, president of Teamsters Local 716; Maurice Ellis of Ready Mixed; Richard Cloud of Heston Concrete, and Cecil Shaw of the Heston Co., assisted by Harry Hudson, secretary-treasurer of Local 716, and Glen L. Anderson, business representative of the union.

Handling the employer's negotiations were C. Gray, president of Ready Mixed; C. E. Carlson, president of Carlson Concrete Co., and Fred Schumaker, secretary-treasurer of Heston Concrete Co.

President Carlson wishes to extend his thanks on behalf of the members employed at the above firms for their time and efforts during negotiations.

All members are again urged to attend the General Meetings, held the last Friday of each month. The meetings of November and December are very important, due to some expected change in the group insurance plan covering members in good standing of this local union. The officers of this local union feel that each member can devote one night out of a month to his union, in order to assist the executive board in making this a successful labor organization.

Brother Leon Nolan of Polar Ice and Fuel Co. has been very ill in General Hospital and we are hoping that he recovers soon and will be back on the job.

Brother Clement Lynch, a member of Local 716 since 1941, has passed away and was buried November 17. The officers of this union extend their sympathies to the family of Brother Lynch.

We extend sympathies also to the family of Brother Edward Owens, who has succumbed to an ailment and passed away. Brother Owens, who was employed at Polar Ice and Fuel Co., had been a member of Local 716 since 1941.

The Barnett Bottle Co. agreement has been settled and Glen L. Anderson reports an increase for drivers, helpers and shipping clerks.

The American Aggregates contract is open and a meeting was set for November 22, 1948, with officials of the corporation.

### MEETING NIGHTS

General Meeting	..... Last Friday of Each Month
Individual Owner-Operators	..... First Wednesday of Each Month
Executive Board	..... First Friday of Each Month

## Woman Labor Historian Praises Tobin, Teamsters

In an eye-witness account of the American labor movement over the last 40 years, Lucy Robins Lang says of the Teamsters:

"You cannot travel the roads without realizing how well informed Americans are. Truck drivers, for example, have always been regarded as the roughnecks of the labor movement. But listen to a group of truck drivers as they talk over their food in some roadside restaurant or hot dog stand. You will be astonished at the breadth of their interests and the accuracy of their knowledge."

You will be astonished also at the breadth of Mrs. Lang's interests if you read her history of organized labor, entitled, "Tomorrow Is Beautiful," just published by Macmillan.

This is the life story of a remarkable woman, who was one of Samuel Gompers' closest friends and advisers, who led crusades to free Debs and Mooney and whom William Green chose to study labor conditions in Europe.

The AFL president writes an introduction to her book and in it says that those who read it, "will gain a new knowledge of the labor movement, a clearer conception of the struggle through which it has passed, and will know that its objectives clear fully and squarely with the American way of life."

"Tomorrow Is Beautiful" refers to Daniel J. Tobin, general president of I.B.T., thus:

"Whenever I saw truckmen, I thought of their leader, Dan Tobin, and remembered his varied moods at AFL conventions—now bitter and stubborn, again submissive and friendly. Tobin, the Catholic teamster boy from Boston, where his people were snobbishly persecuted, is now chief commander of a growing, youthful, and politically-minded army that controls one of the lifelines of America. That, I have no doubt, is why F.D.R. kept Tobin so close to him. It wasn't simply because Dan was chairman of the labor division in Democratic campaigns, but because his union, with its members ceaselessly moving across the continent, was a political force of tremendous potentialities."

## Teamsters Local No. 135 Re-Names Joe Williams For Another 5-Year Term

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year trustee.

Both officers will be formally installed at the December general meeting.

The history of Union Teamsters in Indianapolis would be a biographical sketch of Joe Williams. He started in 1932 as a business representative of Local 135, when it had about 25 members and in two years became an officer, helping

build the union into a membership of 6,500.

About five years ago Local 135 was partitioned into five locals, the four new ones being Local 188, Local 193, Local 716, and Local 233.

At that time Local 135 was stripped down to 1,200 members, but it has continued growing and today numbers more than 3,000 Teamsters in good standing.





# NON-UNION HACK MEN GIVE CITY BAD NAME

Why Indianapolis has one of the worst taxicab systems of anywhere in America—

The companies select their drivers not on a basis of how good they are but how cheap they will work. The men, having no union representation can demand only as much as the companies will give.

Many of the Indianapolis

taxicab drivers are good and capable but they suffer from the misdeeds of many drivers who would not be employed if the companies were forced to pay union wages and thus inspired to select high class drivers.

Because of insufficient pay, the Indianapolis hackmen resort to soliciting and shaking down customers. You read about them every day in the newspapers. Here are two recent reports about them:

Indianapolis Star, Nov. 20.

## SCORES WALK IN RAIN AS TAXIS PICK FARES

Scores of persons who attended the Sonja Henie ice show performance Thursday night at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum were left stranded by "choosy" cab drivers and many had to walk home in a driving rain.

The cabbies would take only the more lucrative fares who were going downtown or to distant destinations, irate rejected passengers said.

Dick Miller, general manager of the Coliseum, said the incident was by no means unusual. He said the office is deluged with complaints about the cab situation after every event and that it is "giving Indianapolis a black eye" with out-of-town guests.

"It's the worst shakedown I've ever seen," Miller said. "The dear city fathers should do something about it."

One north side couple was forced to carry their two-year-old child a mile to their home because the drivers sneered at making such a short-run and refused them.

To make matters worse, the family had left midway in the last act to be sure they could get a cab.

Arriving home, the irate father called Amos C. Martin, Red Cab Company night supervisor, who told him the drivers had no right to discriminate or handpick their customers.

"If I had been there," Martin said, "they wouldn't have got away with it. They should have had more consideration for women and children."

After talking with Maj. Robert A. O'Neal, state police executive officers, yesterday, Police Chief Edward D. Rouls promised that he would confer with Maj. Harry H. Houghtalen, auxiliary police head, and arrange all possible action to end the discrimination practice.

Rouls said a city ordinance makes the handpicking of customers illegal.

Miller said cab drivers are giving Indianapolis a bad name among persons from other cities who attend hockey games, ice shows and other attractions. On Sunday night, as much as 75 per cent of the crowd is from out of town, he said.

The Coliseum lets the drivers in free to watch the events. Despite this courtesy, Miller said, one driver refused to leave a recent hockey game to haul one of the Coliseum secretaries home.

Indianapolis Star, Nov. 11.  
SEVEN CAB DRIVERS ORDERED OUT OF BUSINESS — TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR, WOMEN STIRS SAFETY BOARD CRACKDOWN.

Taxicab drivers trafficking in liquor and women yesterday were ordered out of business by city law enforcement officials.

Tightening of enforcement came

as reports reached City Hall that Federal Treasury Department agents were interesting themselves in the illicit incomes of some drivers.

The Board of Safety revoked the licenses of seven drivers who admitted having had an immoral relationship with two 16-year-old girls. Four of the seven drivers had criminal records.

Licenses were denied four applicants who had criminal records. One had been arrested 26 times.

A former driver who brought a precinct committeeman with him failed in an effort to obtain reinstatement after having had his license revoked. He also had a criminal record.

"We're gradually eliminating the scabbers, although hardly a week goes by that we don't have 20 or more applications," Leroy J. Keach, safety board president said.

He disclosed the board will begin next month to scrutinize licenses up for renewal Jan. 1.

"And, we'll be mighty inquisitive, too," Keach asserted.

Licenses who are "unsavory" and not good risks for renewal will be told before the expiration date they had better look for other employment, he continued.

Mayor Al G. Feeney applauded action of the board, describing taxicab operation as "an ideal source of criminal income." He said this type of work is a public trust demanding a high standard of behavior.

# Chambers Gets Good Warehouse Contract for No. 759 In Peru

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komo. In both cases the union is dealing with committees of the operators.

Another contract still open is with the Central Signal Co., operating the old Victory Ordnance plant at Mexico, Ind. The contract covers drivers, deckmen, yardmen and warehousemen.

O. B. Chambers wants to thank

## Christmas Party for Fort Wayne Teamsters, Kids

FORT WAYNE—A committee of Teamsters Local 414, headed by Pat Hess, is making final arrangements for the union's annual Christmas party, to be held in Shrine Theatre here on Sunday evening, December 12.

The committee has gone to extreme pains to make it a good party. A show has been booked from Chicago and the children will again meet Santa Claus and receive from him their usual treat.

The party, starting at 7 p. m. will be for all members of Teamsters Local 414 and their families, including, of course, the kids. No outsiders.

A substantial increase for drivers, helpers and contract haulers of Teamsters Local 414 has been granted in a new contract signed with the Fort Wayne Fuel Merchants Association, according to Pat Hess, union secretary-treasurer. About 220 members employed by 28 coal companies are involved in the agreement.

## Teamster (135) Nominated for Driver of Month

For helping fight a fire in the business district of Marion, Harold Mills, of Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, has been named Driver of the Month for October by the Indiana Motor Truck Association.

The association's official publication, "The Fifth Wheel" tells about it thus:

Harold Mills, Indianapolis driver for Federal Express, Inc., is Indiana Driver of the Month for October.

On August 26, 1948, while driving a tractor and trailer on Highway 87 at Marion, Ind., about midnight, Harold saw a store building with a series of apartments above it on fire. There was a policeman trying to stop traffic and keep cars from running over the fire hose.

Realizing this as a serious fire, Driver Mills gave the officer some fuses and then set up a road block by parking his vehicle on the highway and setting out pot torches. He then helped the officer direct traffic, later going to the police station for more help and some torches and wooden "horses" to form more road blocks. He then returned to helping direct traffic until the fire was brought under control.

By his quick wit he undoubtedly helped save lives and property, O. L. Osburn, Federal's manager of operations, pointed out in making the nomination.

Federal Express received an unsolicited letter of commendation from the chief of police of Marion expressing his appreciation for the assistance rendered by the driver.

## T-H Law Strikes

WASHINGTON—More workers lost more time by strikes in September, when Republican campaign orators were telling people what a wonderful thing the Taft-Hartley Act is, than in August, according to a U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report.

all the Teamsters and others of the 5th Congressional District who gave labor their cooperation in the November 2 election.

Remember, members of Local 759! The regular meeting of this union is held the first Saturday night of each month in the Labor Temple, 512 East Sycamore St., Kokomo.

## Veteran Former Secretary of IBT Dies In Capital

Indianapolis newspapers have reported the death of Mary O'Neal, veteran ex-secretary in the office of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 422 East Michigan St., Indianapolis.

Miss O'Neal, who was 66 years old and lived at 3601 North Meridian St., passed away in St. Vincent's Hospital November 18, following an accident in a department store in which she suffered a broken leg.

During the 40 years she was secretary at the International office, until her retirement a year ago, Miss O'Neal worked for Cornelius Shea and Daniel J. Tobin.

She was a graduate of St. John's Academy and a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Surviving relatives are a brother, John J. O'Neal, chief of detectives of the Indianapolis police department, and a sister, Mrs. Charles L. Barry, Indianapolis.

Commodities are designated by brand names and human beings are distinguished by Union Labels!

# MAYFLOWER DRIVER TAKES US TO BOWERY

(Where a sawbuck of value \$10 is deflated to a fin worth \$5 and even to one buck—\$1.)

By SWEDE CARLBOM

Once upon a time at Clabbers Corners, down South Carolina way, in Farmer Brown's shed, stood leaning up against the wall a broken-down Wagon Wheel. In the middle of the floor stood a brand new Sawbuck.

Said the Wagon Wheel to the Sawbuck:

"Do you know one thing? You are really a nice-looking Sawbuck. One of the nicest I have ever seen. It is a shame to have you spend perhaps many, many years in this old shed, to be cut and gashed, to be in time thrown behind the picket fence down the slope and the termites finish you up.

"Why not betake yourself to the big city up north they call New York? There among the bright lights you will have the time of your life. Take it from me, kid, I've rolled around for many a year. I've seen a lot. I was once one of two twin brothers axeled to one of the finest equipage in the country, drawn by a handsome four-in-hand. We went to many exciting places in those Gay Nineties.

"As time went on I grew old and squeaky. Here I stand with five missing spokes, unable to roll again. But, son, it was fun as long as it lasted. I saw the bright lights and the gay life that went with it. I can now live on sweet memories."

That night the Sawbuck gave the bright lights up New York way a great deal of thought. The following morning he bid the old Wagon Wheel "good bye" and took off for the big city. In a few days he found himself on the Bowery, walking into a seedy honky tonk.

He was met by a sleek-looking bartender, who greeted him, "Why, hello there, Mister Sawbuck, if you aren't the nicest-looking thing I've seen around this barrel joint for years! Have a double shot on the house." And the bartender took a buck out of the Sawbuck.

After a few more double shots the Sawbuck became wobbly. Said he to the bartender, "Hey there, mister, I can't stand up. I have no legs."

Said the bartender, "You need no legs; you are a Fin now."

This brought laughter all around the joint. As a Fin he felt pretty good and ordered some more double shots. And soon he was down to one Buck.

As a Buck he could hardly keep his balance. Remorse set in. He longed to be back in the peaceful shed at Clabbers Corner. So he said to the bartender:

"Look here, sleeky face, I want to go back to Farmer Brown's shed. Put me together again."

"I can't," said the bartender. "You are only a Buck now. It takes ten Bucks to make a Sawbuck. What you need is nine more."

Again laughter rang through the joint. In despair he ordered a couple more barrel shots, and passed out.

Toward midnight he came to. He was only a wet Penny; not a good old copper penny but one of those war coins of inferior metal.

He was covered with spilt beer; he felt lousy. He felt like rolling over the edge of the bar into a brass spittoon and end it all by drowning.

He knew, as he lay there shivering, he was not worth much.

"But even so," he said to himself, "I am worth at least a thousandth part of a Sawbuck, which I once was. There still must be hope." He prayed.

A soak came in, spotted the Penny on the bar, picked it up, and bellowed, "Ah, ha; dough on the bar!"

He felt himself sliding down the lining of a pocket. Soon he felt the warmth from the leg. The soak didn't have on shorts.

The following day the soak met a buddy, who like himself, played the horses, and the soak said, "I'll bet you a Penny to a Sawbuck that Creetchy Lena will come in." It's a go," said Buddy. Creetchy Lena came in.

Penny was reborn into a crisp new Sawbuck, and felt himself folded into the soak's watch pocket.

Then the soak told himself, "That reminds me, I owe Suzie Lee, Farmer Brown's daughter at Clabber Corners a Sawbuck for alimony. So here, my friend, Mister Sawbuck, down South Carolina way you go."

Sawbuck felt himself sliding into an envelope. A postal clerk slammed him on the head with a steel stamp. That knocked him out. When he came to, he was in Farmer Brown's shed with his old friend Wagon Wheel.

Wagon Wheel demanded, with a chuckle, "Well, sonny boy, did you see the bright lights?"

"Yea, I did," Sawbuck replied. "But I want no more of them. I may eventually land over the picket fence among the gooseberry bushes, to be food for termites. But boy, oh boy! That's more of a break than to end my life drowning in a honky tonk spittoon."

Have another double shot, boys!

## President Tobin Hails Truman Election as "Labor Victory"

WASHINGTON—International President Daniel J. Tobin hails the election of President Truman and blames his failure to back the President on his health and pressing duties in the Teamsters Union.

In the December International Teamster, President Tobin declares Truman's election is a "victory for labor," and adds, in part:

"I want again to remind our membership that the position taken by the General Executive Board in its meeting in August was that each man and woman use his own judgment and

vote for any candidate he believed in. . . . I am safe now in saying from the reports I have at hand and from what I knew during the campaign that most of our membership and their friends voted the straight Democratic ticket as I did myself."

## Local 188 Joins CLU

Credentials for delegates to the Indianapolis Central Labor Union were presented last Monday evening as follows:

Teamsters Local No. 188—C. E. Davis, Louis Floerke, C. R. Kinman, L. R. Bea and Felix Maris.



# TOM HUTSON APPOINTED LABOR COMMISSIONER AGAIN

## Teamsters' Choice Named By Schricker For Important Job

Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker has appointed Thomas Hutson State Labor Commissioner for the next four years, starting Jan. 10.

Hutson had the endorsement of the Indiana Teamsters, led by Joe Williams of Indianapolis.

Hutson was the original Labor Commissioner of Indiana, having been appointed by Governor Clifford Townsend when the commission was first created in 1937. He served under both Governors Townsend and Schricker, and during the latter term had the arduous work of supervising many details in connection with a people producing for war.

The newly re-appointed commis-



sioner succeeds Charles Kern. He is a former representative of the AFL Brick, Tile and Ceramics Union, and lives in Brazil, Ind.

The important Department of Labor in Indiana is the administrative agency responsible for enforcement of the various labor laws of the state.

Operating within this department are the Indiana Industrial Board and the Division of Labor composed of the Bureau of Mines and Mining, the Bureau of Factory Inspection, the Bureau of Women and Children, and the Bureau of Elevator Inspection.

In addition, the Commission is charged with promoting voluntary arbitration, mediation and conciliation in labor disputes, and he "shall foster, promote and develop the wage earners of this state, improve their working conditions and advance their opportunities for profitable employment," says the statute.

The Labor Commissioner is also charged with administration of the Indiana Fair Employment Practice Act designed to assist in bringing about the removal of discrimination in regard to hire or tenure terms or conditions of employment because of race, creed or color.

## AFL Convention Re-elects Green

CINCINNATI — The American Federation of Labor re-elected 75-year-old William Green to his 25th term as president November 22 and adjourned its 67th annual convention.

Green pledged the organization to make repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act its first goal.

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and the 13 vice-presidents on the executive council also were re-elected without opposition.

St. Paul was chosen as the site of the next convention beginning October 3, 1949.

Re-elected vice-presidents included Daniel J. Tobin, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The best way to get a complete supply is to create a complete demand for Union Label goods!

## Madden In Key Spot of House Labor Committee

WASHINGTON — Representative Ray Madden of Gary, First District, now dean of the Indiana Democratic congressmen, will move into the key position of the House Labor Committee held up to now by another Hoosier, Representative Gerald W. Landis of Linton, as a result of the recent election.

With a sweeping victory by Democrats in both Houses of Congress, Hoosier Republicans will be deposited completely from vital committee assignments.

Representative Charles A. Halleck of Rensselaer, automatically will step down from his House majority leadership when Congress convenes January 3.

In the Senate, the chief changes to Hoosiers will take Senators Homer E. Capehart and William E. Jenner from their places of precedence with the majority of three main committees.

Senator Capehart moves to the minority side of his two committees, Banking and Currency and Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Senator Jenner goes to the opposite side of his chief assignment, the Rules Committee.

## March of Dimes Campaign Starts to Fight Polio

Infantile paralysis again has dealt the nation a heavy blow. Indications are that the toll of the disease may approach the 1946 total of 25,191 cases—second worst year in the history of polio in the United States.

In the last six years to date, approximately 100,000 persons—little children for the most part—have been stricken by this crippling disease. The March of Dimes, which finances the care and treatment programs of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and its research projects aimed at finding a preventive or cure for polio, affords the only hope of recovery for many of these boys and girls.

In providing for care and treatment of the stricken, the National Foundation has completely exhausted its epidemic emergency aid fund, and now faces a \$2,500,000 deficit before the 1949 March of Dimes.

A statement by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, says:

"Public support of this appeal, January 14-31, must be the most generous in history to enable us to carry on the vital work we are doing."

There is more power in the purchase of one ounce of Union Label goods than there is in tons of resolutions!

Do a little investigating on your own hook and probe your community stores for the new (Union Label) look!

## Jacobs Thanks Teamsters, Will Vote to Kill T-H

By ANDREW JACOBS

I appreciate the fine support given me by the officers and members of the five big Indianapolis Local Unions of Teamsters during my campaign for election to Congress.

I ascribe my success in that campaign to the votes of union men and other citizens who believe in the policies of President Truman, which I have advocated throughout my life and which I stressed during the campaign.

I have been one of the severest critics of the Taft-Hartley Act, as one of the most misrepresented pieces of legislation ever enacted.

Men like Congressman Charles Halleck of Indiana have attempted to misguide the public, and even labor, by calling the Taft-Hartley Act an "emancipation proclamation" for working men.

In reality, it puts labor on the verge of serfdom by making it practically impossible to win any economic advantages.

In fact, the Taft-Hartley Act is so bad that we must repeal it and write a new law, fair alike to labor, management and the public.

Such legislation, coupled with the restoration of the Wagner Act, should afford us fair legislation to govern labor relations. Good labor relations are impossible under Taft-Hartley because the unfair employer knows he cannot lose and the union cannot win.

I intend to work for the civil rights program, a higher minimum wage, better public health, rent control, an effective federal housing act, federal aid for the public schools and similar laws to promote the welfare of the ordinary citizen.

We have a great President. It is my hope that we will also have a great Congress. At least, I shall do my best to make it so.

## Auto Assn. Head Hits Hoosier Law

Indiana's restrictive highway size and weight limits are obstructing the efficient flow of commerce to and through the state, stated William H. McGaughey, of the Automobile Manufacturers' Association recently. The state's limit of 40 feet on tractor-semi-trailer combinations are a sore spot in the operations of hundreds of carriers which operate through Hoosier territory. Every other state in the north central area has a 45-foot or better limit.

## Local 135 Gives \$600 to Widow of Deceased Member

Three days after the death on Nov. 21 of William T. Johnson, Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, of which he was a member, donated \$600 to Mrs. Bertha Lee Johnson, the widow.

Mr. Johnson, who was 62, had been employed by the Indianapolis Street Commission. He died at his home 949 Pearl street, of coronary occlusion.

Presentation of the check was made to Mrs. Johnson by Raymond Friestuhler, union business representative.

More than 53 per cent of the potato crop moves from farms to consuming centers by motor truck.

Union Shop Cards and Union Buttons are the recognized emblems of efficient and distinguished services!

## LOUIS FLOERKE

### Up to Date with Local No. 188

Due to Brother Swede Waechter leaving our organization and going into business for himself our article has been missing from this paper. I will attempt to carry on this article and hope I will do half as well as our good Brother Swede did. I know you members as I miss these articles from the paper.

We regret to announce the deaths of the following brothers in the last few months:

Paul Benton, Gleason Pie Co.  
Leo Weissenberger, South Side Baking Co.  
Fred Scripture, Indiana Condensed Milk, Sheridan, Ind.  
Jim Woolums, Yellow Cab, Shelbyville, Ind.  
Ed Bauman, Dolly Madison Cakes.

These brothers will be greatly missed in our organization.

### HEY! GANG — LOOK!

We have just signed a contract with the Polk Milk Co.—100% union inside and out. We need the help of every member and all your friends. Let's all start in today. Pick up your phone—call the Polk Milk Co., Cherry 7183; and have a union driver deliver milk to your door.

I understand our president, Brother Davis, has drilled two wells on his farm, one for water and one for quicksand, and had to pay for both drillings. I wonder what he will use the quicksand for?

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, who are now the proud parents of twins. Brother Padgett works for General Baking Co.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Wendling have a new baby. Brother Wendling works for Polk Milk Co.

Notice to all our stewards: I will appreciate all the dirt you can dig up for me, so I can keep up this column.

### News from Sheridan, from our good steward, Brother Wiley:

I am informed that Brother Harry Waitt is improving after a long illness and should be back on the job by the first of the year. Good luck, Harry!

Brother Basil Whittaker, who has been ill for some time, is holding his own according to Brother Wiley. Good luck, Brother Basil, and a speedy recovery.

Mary Whicker, who has just recovered from an operation, is back on the job. Good luck for the future, Mary!

## Tobin for Teamsters Contributes \$62,500 to Political Education

CINCINNATI — In a dramatic ceremony at the AFL convention here, Labor's League for Political Education got off to a flying start in its drive to raise funds to carry on the permanent educational activity of the organization.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced that his union had contributed \$62,500 to the LLPE treasury, the first union to take such action since the league was newly constituted on a permanent basis.

Appearing on the platform in the convention hall, Mr. Tobin presented a check to the AFL President William Green for this amount while delegates at the convention cheered wildly.

In a brief address to the convention, Mr. Tobin emphasized the important activity of the league and

urged complete support for its efforts in order that a complete and sweeping majority in Congress may be won to assure that labor's rights will receive adequate protection and consideration.

The Teamsters' chief said the decision of LLPE's national committee to request each national union to contribute an amount equal to 10 cents per member to be in the nature of an assessment on the union.

Before turning the check over to Mr. Green, Mr. Tobin asked whether the contribution could be made legally under the Taft-Hartley law. J. Albert Woll, general counsel for the AFL, said that in the absence of specific court decisions on the point it was his opinion that the money could be used legally as long as it was expended for educational purposes.

## Joint Council of Teamsters Dine In Gary

GARY—More than 250 persons attended the annual banquet of Teamsters and Chauffeurs Joint Council No. 11 at Jackson's Restaurant, east of Gary.

Brief talks were made by Henry Burger, international representative of the Teamsters, who was accompanied by Mrs. Burger; Representative in Congress Ray J. Madden of Gary, and Gale Murrin, who now is stationed at Memphis, Tenn., as an international representative of the union. Guests included Carl H. Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, and Mrs. Mullen; John Acker, secretary of the State Federation, and Mrs. Acker, and Mayor Eugene Swartz of Gary.

Michael Sawockha, president of Joint Council No. 11, was toastmaster.

Harry Cole was chairman of arrangements assisted by Russell Jenkins and Steven Toth.

## Martin J. Downey, Labor Attorney, Dies in Hammond

HAMMOND—Martin J. Downey, prominent Indiana labor attorney and former member of the State House of Representatives, was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Chicago, following services in the All Saints Catholic Church, Hammond.

Mr. Downey, who was 46, died in his home, following a long illness.

A colorful figure in the Legislature from 1933, through 1947, Mr. Downey served continuously as a representative except for the period from 1932 through 1942, when he did not run for election.

Mr. Downey, a Democrat, ran for Mayor of Hammond in the Democratic primary of 1947, but was defeated. He gained nationwide fame in a series of labor-management cases in which he represented the unions in portal-to-portal suits involving millions of dollars.

He was a brother of Thomas Downey, recording secretary of the Hammond Teamsters Union.